



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"Parks Make Life Better!"

John Wicker, Director

Norma E. Garcia, Chief Deputy Director

October 25, 2016

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

21 October 25, 2016

LORI GLASGOW
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT
FOR GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
TO FUND THE PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL NATURE
AND VISITOR CENTER PROJECT
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for grant funds, available to the Fourth Supervisorial District in the amount of \$5,000,000, to fund the Puente Hills Landfill Nature and Visitor Center Project.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed action to submit a grant application is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, because the action does not meet the definition of a project and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the action.
2. Adopt a resolution approving the submission of a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for grant funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 available to Fourth Supervisorial District to fund the Puente Hills Landfill Nature and Visitor Center Project.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his designee, as agent of the County, to accept grant funds, conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, and payment

requests which may be necessary for the completion of the Puente Hills Landfill Nature and Visitor Center Project.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommendations will allow the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to submit a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD) for grant funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 available to the Fourth Supervisorial District to fund the Puente Hills Landfill Nature and Visitor Center Project (Project).

The proposed Project is located at 13130 Crossroads Parkway South in the City of Industry. The scope includes the design and construction of a nature and visitor center and a canopy to connecting indoor rooms, outdoor patios public gathering spaces, and related improvements. The estimated total Project cost is \$8,380,000. The Project will be funded with grant funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 and Sanitation Special District Funds in the amount of \$3,380,000.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), by improving and enhancing recreational opportunities for residents and visitors to Los Angeles County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The estimated total Project cost is \$8,380,000, which will be funded with \$5,000,000 in grant funds available to the Fourth Supervisorial District and \$3,380,000 in Sanitation Special District Funds. Sufficient appropriation for the grant is budgeted in the Fourth Supervisorial District's portion of RPOSD's Specified and Excess Funds Project Fund.

Operating Budget Impact

Based on the description of the grant project, the Department anticipates one-time and ongoing operating costs upon completion. The Department will submit a New Facilities Funding request for these costs and will work with the Chief Executive Office on the appropriate level of funding.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

RPOSD requires that the grantee submit an adopted resolution by its governing body authorizing the submission of the grant application and acceptance of grant funds.

County Counsel has reviewed this letter and approved the resolutions as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed action to submit a grant application is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in that the action does not meet the definition of a project according to Section 15378 (b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines because the action is an administrative activity of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

The appropriate environmental document for the Puente Hills Landfill Park Master Plan, which

includes the Puente Hills Nature and Visitor Center, will be brought to the Board for consideration prior to requesting authorization to construct the Project.

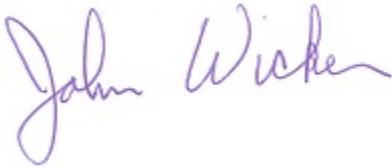
IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will have no impact on any other projects or services in the Fourth Supervisorial District.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this letter and resolution to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER
Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE FOURTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR THE
PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL NATURE AND VISITOR CENTER PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the people of the County of Los Angeles on November 5, 1996 enacted Los Angeles County Proposition A, Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beach and Wildlife Protection (Proposition), which among other uses, provides funds to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in the County for the purpose of acquiring and/or developing facilities and open space for public recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition also created the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (District) to administer said funds; and

WHEREAS, the District has set forth the necessary procedures governing application for grant funds under the Proposition; and

WHEREAS, the District's procedures require the Department of Parks and Recreation (Department) to certify, by resolution, the approval of an application before submission of said application to the District; and

WHEREAS, said application contain assurances that the Department must comply with; and

WHEREAS, the Department certifies, through this resolution, that the application is approved for submission to the District; and

WHEREAS, the Department will enter into an agreement with the District to provide funds for the development of the Puente Hills Landfill Nature and Visitor Center project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY:

1. Approves the submission of a grant application to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District to fund the above project; and
2. Certifies that the Department understands the assurances and the certification in the application form; and
3. Certifies that the Department has, or will have, sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project in perpetuity; and
4. Certifies that the Department will sign and return, within 30 days, copies of the project agreement sent by the District for authorized signature; and

5. Appoints the Director of Parks and Recreation, or designee, as agent of the County of Los Angeles to conduct all negotiations, and to execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to, applications, agreements, memoranda of unrecorded grant agreements, deed restrictions, amendments, payment requests and so forth, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned projects.

The foregoing resolution was passed on this 25th day of October, 2016, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board so acts.



LORI GLASGOW, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

By Carla Little
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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